SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 529

AN ACT

To repeal sections 32.310, 144.605, 144.757, and 144.759, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof seven new sections relating to use taxes, with an emergency clause for a certain section and an effective date for certain sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 32.310, 144.605, 144.757, and 144.759, RSMo, are repealed and seven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 32.310, 33.575, 144.605, 144.637, 144.752, 144.757, and 144.759, to read as follows:

32.310. 1. The department of revenue shall create and maintain a mapping feature on its official public website that displays sales and use tax information of political subdivisions of this state that have taxing authority, including the current tax rate for each sales and use tax imposed and collected. Such display shall have the option to showcase the borders and jurisdiction of the following political subdivisions on a map of the state to the extent that such political subdivisions collect sales and use tax:

- (1) Ambulance districts;
- (2) Community improvement districts;
- (3) Fire protection districts;
- (4) Levee districts;

- (5) Library districts;
- (6) Neighborhood improvement districts;
- (7) Port authority districts;
- (8) Tax increment financing districts;
- (9) Transportation development districts;
- (10) School districts; or
- (11) Any other political subdivision that imposes a sales or use tax within its borders and jurisdiction.
- 2. The mapping feature shall also have the option to superimpose state house of representative districts and state senate districts over the political subdivisions.
- 3. A political subdivision collecting sales or use tax listed in subsection 1 of this section shall provide to the department of revenue mapping and geographic data pertaining to the political subdivision's borders and jurisdictions. The political subdivision shall certify the accuracy of the data by affidavit and shall provide the data in a format specified by the department of revenue. Such data relating to sales taxes shall be sent to the department of revenue by April 1, 2019, and shall be updated and sent to the department if a change in the political subdivision's borders or jurisdiction occurs thereafter. Such data relating to use taxes shall be sent to the department of revenue by January 1, 2021. If a political subdivision fails to provide the information required under this subsection, the department of revenue shall use the last known sales or use tax rate for such political subdivision.
- 4. The department of revenue may contract with another entity to build and maintain the mapping feature.

- 5. By July 1, 2019, the department shall implement the mapping feature using the <u>sales tax</u> data provided to it under subsection 3 of this section. <u>By August 28, 2021, the department shall implement the mapping feature using use tax data provided to it under subsection 3 of this section.</u>
- 33.575. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Cash Operating Expense Fund", which shall consist of money as provided under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements.

 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
- 2. (1) The use tax revenues collected on behalf of the state from remittances made pursuant to section 144.752 and paragraph (e) of subdivision (2) of section 144.605, with the exception of revenues collected pursuant to section 144.701 and Article IV, Sections 43(a) and 47(a) of the Missouri

 Constitution, shall be deposited into the fund.
- (2) Subject to appropriation, the following moneys may be transferred into the fund:
- (a) Any funds appropriated to the office of the governor

 for expenses related to emergency duties performed by the

 national guard when ordered out by the governor, for matching

 funds for federal grants and for emergency assistance as provided

- in section 44.032, and for expenses of any state agency responding during a declared emergency at the direction of the governor, provided the services furnish immediate aid and relief, that were unexpended at the end of the fiscal year; and
- (b) Any funds appropriated to the fund by the general assembly or otherwise credited to the fund.
- 3. In any fiscal year in which actual revenues are less than the revenue estimates upon which appropriations were based or in which there is a budget need due to a natural disaster, as proclaimed by the governor to be an emergency, the governor may, subject to appropriation, transfer from the fund to the general revenue fund such moneys as are necessary to make up all or part of the deficit between the actual revenues and the revenue estimates or to meet the needs of the emergency caused by the natural disaster, as the case may be.
- 4. When the balance in the fund at the close of any fiscal year exceeds two and one-half percent of net general revenue collections for the previous fiscal year, the excess balance shall be transferred, subject to appropriation, as follows:
- (1) Fifty percent of the excess balance shall be transferred to the credit of the state road fund established pursuant to Article IV, Section 30(b) of the Missouri Constitution, for the purposes of funding the governor's transportation cost-share program; and
- (2) Fifty percent of the excess balance shall be transferred to the credit of the debt retirement fund for the purpose of retiring state debt.
 - 5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Debt

Retirement Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Subject to appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used for the retirement of debt related to bonds issued by or on behalf of the state and for which the office of administration is required to file annual continuing disclosure reports on the electronic municipal market access website, or its successor.

- 6. For the purposes of this section, "net general revenue collections" means all revenue deposited into the general revenue fund less refunds and revenues originally deposited into the general revenue fund but designated by law for a specific distribution or transfer to another state fund.
- 144.605. The following words and phrases as used in sections 144.600 to 144.745 mean and include:
- (1) "Calendar quarter", the period of three consecutive calendar months ending on March thirty-first, June thirtieth, September thirtieth or December thirty-first;
- (2) "Engages in business activities within this state" includes:
 - (a) Maintaining or having a franchisee or licensee

operating under the seller's trade name in this state if the franchisee or licensee is required to collect sales tax pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525;

- (b) Soliciting sales or taking orders by sales agents or traveling representatives;
- (c) A vendor is presumed to engage in business activities within this state if any person, other than a common carrier acting in its capacity as such, that has substantial nexus with this state:
- a. Sells a similar line of products as the vendor and does so under the same or a similar business name;
- b. Maintains an office, distribution facility, warehouse, or storage place, or similar place of business in the state to facilitate the delivery of property or services sold by the vendor to the vendor's customers;
- c. Delivers, installs, assembles, or performs maintenance services for the vendor's customers within the state;
- d. Facilitates the vendor's delivery of property to customers in the state by allowing the vendor's customers to pick up property sold by the vendor at an office, distribution facility, warehouse, storage place, or similar place of business maintained by the person in the state; or
- e. Conducts any other activities in the state that are significantly associated with the vendor's ability to establish and maintain a market in the state for the sales;
- (d) The presumption in paragraph (c) of this subdivision may be rebutted by demonstrating that the person's activities in the state are not significantly associated with the vendor's

ability to establish or maintain a market in this state for the vendor's sales;

- (e) [Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a vendor shall be presumed to engage in business activities within this state if the vendor enters into an agreement with one or more residents of this state under which the resident, for a commission or other consideration, directly or indirectly refers potential customers, whether by a link on an internet website, an in-person oral presentation, telemarketing, or otherwise, to the vendor, if the cumulative gross receipts from sales by the vendor to customers in the state who are referred to the vendor by all residents with this type of an agreement with the vendor is in excess of ten thousand dollars during the preceding twelve months;
- submitting proof that the residents with whom the vendor has an agreement did not engage in any activity within the state that was significantly associated with the vendor's ability to establish or maintain the vendor's market in the state during the preceding twelve months. Such proof may consist of sworn written statements from all of the residents with whom the vendor has an agreement stating that they did not engage in any solicitation in the state on behalf of the vendor during the preceding year provided that such statements were provided and obtained in good faith! Selling tangible personal property for delivery into this state provided the seller's gross revenue from delivery of tangible personal property into this state in the previous calendar year or current calendar year exceeds one hundred thousand dollars. For the purposes of calculating a seller's

gross revenue under this paragraph, following the close of each calendar quarter, a vendor shall determine whether the vendor met the requirements under this paragraph during the twelve-month period ending on the last day of the preceding calendar quarter.

If the vendor met such requirements for any such twelve-month period, such vendor shall collect and remit the tax as provided under section 144.635 for a period of not less than twelve months, beginning not more than three months following the close of the preceding calendar quarter, and shall continue to collect and remit the tax for as long as the vendor is engaged in business activities within this state, as provided for under this paragraph, or otherwise maintains a substantial nexus with this state;

- (3) "Maintains a place of business in this state" includes maintaining, occupying, or using, permanently or temporarily, directly or indirectly, by whatever name called, an office, place of distribution, sales or sample room or place, warehouse or storage place, or other place of business in this state, whether owned or operated by the vendor or by any other person other than a common carrier acting in its capacity as such;
- (4) "Person", any individual, firm, copartnership, joint venture, association, corporation, municipal or private, and whether organized for profit or not, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board, bureau or agency, except the state transportation department, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by the state or federal court, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular number;

- (5) "Purchase", the acquisition of the ownership of, or title to, tangible personal property, through a sale, as defined herein, for the purpose of storage, use or consumption in this state;
- (6) "Purchaser", any person who is the recipient for a valuable consideration of any sale of tangible personal property acquired for use, storage or consumption in this state;
- (7) "Sale", any transfer, barter or exchange of the title or ownership of tangible personal property, or the right to use, store or consume the same, for a consideration paid or to be paid, and any transaction whether called leases, rentals, bailments, loans, conditional sales or otherwise, and notwithstanding that the title or possession of the property or both is retained for security. For the purpose of this law the place of delivery of the property to the purchaser, user, storer or consumer is deemed to be the place of sale, whether the delivery be by the vendor or by common carriers, private contractors, mails, express, agents, salesmen, solicitors, hawkers, representatives, consignors, peddlers, canvassers or otherwise;
- (8) "Sales price", the consideration including the charges for services, except charges incident to the extension of credit, paid or given, or contracted to be paid or given, by the purchaser to the vendor for the tangible personal property, including any services that are a part of the sale, valued in money, whether paid in money or otherwise, and any amount for which credit is given to the purchaser by the vendor, without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold,

the cost of materials used, labor or service cost, losses or any other expenses whatsoever, except that cash discounts allowed and taken on sales shall not be included and "sales price" shall not include the amount charged for property returned by customers upon rescission of the contract of sales when the entire amount charged therefor is refunded either in cash or credit or the amount charged for labor or services rendered in installing or applying the property sold, the use, storage or consumption of which is taxable pursuant to sections 144.600 to 144.745. The sales price shall not include usual and customary delivery charges that are separately stated. In determining the amount of tax due pursuant to sections 144.600 to 144.745, any charge incident to the extension of credit shall be specifically exempted;

- (9) "Selling agent", every person acting as a representative of a principal, when such principal is not registered with the director of revenue of the state of Missouri for the collection of the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525 or sections 144.600 to 144.745 and who receives compensation by reason of the sale of tangible personal property of the principal, if such property is to be stored, used, or consumed in this state;
- (10) "Storage", any keeping or retention in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a vendor, except property for sale or property that is temporarily kept or retained in this state for subsequent use outside the state;
- (11) "Tangible personal property", all items subject to the Missouri sales tax as provided in subdivisions (1) and (3) of

subsection 1 of section 144.020;

- (12) "Taxpayer", any person remitting the tax or who should remit the tax levied by sections 144.600 to 144.745;
- (13) "Use", the exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership or control of that property, except that it does not include the temporary storage of property in this state for subsequent use outside the state, or the sale of the property in the regular course of business;
- "Vendor", every person engaged in making sales of (14)tangible personal property by mail order, by advertising, by agent or peddling tangible personal property, soliciting or taking orders for sales of tangible personal property, for storage, use or consumption in this state, all salesmen, solicitors, hawkers, representatives, consignees, peddlers or canvassers, as agents of the dealers, distributors, consignors, supervisors, principals or employers under whom they operate or from whom they obtain the tangible personal property sold by them, and every person who maintains a place of business in this state, maintains a stock of goods in this state, or engages in business activities within this state and every person who engages in this state in the business of acting as a selling agent for persons not otherwise vendors as defined in this subdivision. Irrespective of whether they are making sales on their own behalf or on behalf of the dealers, distributors, consignors, supervisors, principals or employers, they must be regarded as vendors and the dealers, distributors, consignors, supervisors, principals or employers must be regarded as vendors

for the purposes of sections 144.600 to 144.745.

- 144.637. 1. The director of revenue shall provide and maintain a database that describes boundary changes for all taxing jurisdictions and the effective dates of such changes for the use of vendors collecting the tax imposed under sections 144.600 to 144.745.
- 2. For the identification of counties and cities, codes corresponding to the rates shall be provided according to Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) as developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. For the identification of all other jurisdictions, codes corresponding to the rates shall be in a format determined by the director.
- 3. The director shall provide and maintain address-based boundary database records for assigning taxing jurisdictions and associated rates. The database records shall meet the requirements developed pursuant to the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 4 U.S.C. Section 119(a). If a vendor is unable to determine the applicable rate and jurisdiction using an address-based database record after exercising due diligence, the vendor may apply the nine-digit zip code designation applicable to a purchase. If a nine-digit zip code designation is not available for a street address or if a vendor is unable to determine the nine-digit zip code designation applicable to a purchase after exercising due diligence to determine the designation, the vendor may apply the rate for the five-digit zip code area. For the purposes of this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a vendor has exercised due diligence if the vendor has attempted to determine

the tax rate and jurisdiction by utilizing software approved by the director and makes the assignment from the address and zip code information applicable to the purchase. The databases shall be in the same approved format as the database records under this section and meet the requirements developed pursuant to the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act, 4 U.S.C. Section 119(a). If the director certifies an address-based database provided by a third party, a vendor may use such database in place of the database provided for in this subsection.

- 4. The electronic database provided for in subsections 1, 2, and 3 of this section shall be in downloadable format as determined by the director. The database may be directly provided by the director or provided by a third party as designated by the director. The databases shall be provided at no cost to the user of the database. The provisions of subsection 3 of this section shall not apply if the purchased product is received by the purchaser at the business location of the vendor.
- 5. No vendor shall be liable for reliance upon erroneous data provided by the director on tax rates, boundaries, or taxing jurisdiction assignments.
- 144.752. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:
 - (1) "Marketplace facilitator", a person that:
- (a) Facilitates a retail sale by a marketplace seller by listing or advertising for sale by the marketplace seller in any forum, tangible personal property or services that are subject to tax under this chapter; and

(b) Either directly or indirectly through agreements or arrangements with third parties collecting payment from the purchaser and transmitting such payment to the marketplace seller regardless of whether the marketplace facilitator receives compensation or other consideration in exchange for its services.

A marketplace facilitator is a seller and shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. A marketplace facilitator does not include a person who provides internet advertising services, or product listing, and does not collect payment from the purchaser and transmit payment to the marketplace seller, and does not include a person with respect to the provision of travel agency services or the operation of a marketplace or that portion of a marketplace that enables consumers to receive travel agency services. For the purposes of this subdivision, "travel agency services" means facilitating, for a commission, fee, or other consideration, vacation or travel packages, rental car or other travel reservations, tickets for domestic or foreign travel by air, rail, ship, bus, or other medium of transportation, or hotel or other lodging accommodations;

- (2) "Marketplace seller", a seller that makes sales through any electronic marketplace operated by a marketplace facilitator;
- (3) "Person", any individual, firm, copartnership, joint venture, association, corporation, municipal or private, whether organized for profit or not, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board, bureau or agency, except the department of transportation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by the state or

federal court, syndicate, or any other group or combination
acting as a unit;

- (4) "Purchaser", any person who is the recipient for a valuable consideration of any sale of tangible personal property acquired for use, storage, or consumption in this state;
- (5) "Retail sale", the same meaning as defined under sections 144.010 and 144.011, excluding motor vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, mopeds, motortricycles, boats, and outboard motors required to be titled under the laws of the state and subject to tax under subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of section 144.020;
- (6) "Seller", a person selling or furnishing tangible personal property or rendering services on the receipts from which a tax is imposed under section 144.020.
- 2. (1) Beginning January 1, 2022, marketplace facilitators that engage in business activities within this state shall register with the department to collect and remit use tax, as applicable, on sales made through the marketplace facilitator's marketplace by or on behalf of a marketplace seller that are delivered into the state, whether by the marketplace facilitator or another person, and regardless of whether the marketplace seller for whom sales are facilitated possesses a retail sales license or would have been required to collect use tax had the sale not been facilitated by the marketplace facilitator. Such retail sales shall include those made directly by the marketplace facilitator and shall also include those retail sales made by marketplace sellers through the marketplace facilitator's marketplace. The collection and reporting requirements of this subsection shall not apply to retail sales other than those made

through a marketplace facilitator's marketplace. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit the ability of a marketplace facilitator and a marketplace seller to enter into agreements regarding the fulfillment of the requirements of this chapter.

- (2) All taxable sales made through a marketplace facilitator's marketplace by or on behalf of a marketplace seller shall be deemed to be consummated at the location in this state to which the item is shipped or delivered, or at which possession is taken by the purchaser.
- 3. Marketplace facilitators that are required to collect use tax under this section shall report and remit the tax separately from any sales and use tax collected by the marketplace facilitator, or by affiliates of the marketplace facilitator, which the marketplace facilitator would have been required to collect and remit under the provisions of this chapter prior to January 1, 2022. Such tax shall be reported and remitted as determined by the department. Marketplace facilitators shall maintain records of all sales delivered to a location in the state, including electronic or paper copies of invoices showing the purchaser, address, purchase amount, and use tax collected. Such records shall be made available for review and inspection upon request by the department.
- 4. Marketplace facilitators who properly collect and remit to the department in a timely manner use tax on sales in accordance with the provisions of this section by or on behalf of marketplace sellers shall be eligible for any discount provided under this chapter.

- 5. A marketplace facilitator shall provide the purchaser with a statement or invoice showing that the use tax was collected and shall be remitted on the purchaser's behalf.
- 6. Any taxpayer who remits use tax under this section shall be entitled to refunds or credits to the same extent and in the same manner provided for in section 144.190 for taxes collected and remitted under this section. Nothing in this section shall relieve a purchaser of the obligation to remit use tax for any retail sale taxable under this chapter for which a marketplace facilitator or marketplace seller does not collect and remit the use tax.
- 7. Except as provided under subsections 8 and 9 of this section, marketplace facilitators shall be subject to the penalty provisions, procedures, and reporting requirements provided under the provisions of this chapter.
- 8. No class action shall be brought against a marketplace facilitator in any court in this state on behalf of purchasers arising from or in any way related to an overpayment of use tax collected on retail sales facilitated by a marketplace facilitator, regardless of whether that claim is characterized as a tax refund claim. Nothing in this subsection shall affect a purchaser's right to seek a refund as provided under section 144.190.
- 9. A marketplace facilitator shall be relieved from

 liability under this section for the failure to collect and remit

 the correct amount of sales or use tax on retail sales

 facilitated for marketplace sellers to the extent that the

 marketplace facilitator demonstrates to the satisfaction of the

department that the error was due to insufficient or incorrect information given to the marketplace facilitator by the marketplace seller; provided, however, that a marketplace facilitator shall not be relieved of liability under this paragraph if the marketplace facilitator and the marketplace seller are affiliated;

- 10. For the purposes of this section, a marketplace facilitator shall not include a third party financial institution appointed by a merchant or a marketplace facilitator to handle various forms of payment transactions, such as processing credit cards and debit cards, and whose sole activity with respect to marketplace sales is to facilitate the payment transactions between two parties.
- 11. Use taxes collected pursuant to this section on behalf of the state of Missouri shall be deposited to the credit of the cash operating expense fund established pursuant to section 33.575.
- 12. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020,

shall be invalid and void.

144.757. 1. Any county or municipality[, except municipalities within a county having a charter form of government with a population in excess of nine hundred thousand,] may, by a majority vote of its governing body, impose a local use tax if a local sales tax is imposed as defined in section 32.085 or if a sales tax is imposed pursuant to sections 94.850 or 94.890, with such local use tax imposed at a rate equal to the rate of the local sales tax [in effect in] and any sales tax imposed pursuant to sections 94.850 or 94.890 by such county or municipality; provided, however, that no ordinance or order enacted pursuant to sections 144.757 to 144.761 shall be effective unless the governing body of the county or municipality submits to the voters thereof at a municipal, county or state general, primary or special election a proposal to authorize the governing body of the county or municipality to impose a local use tax pursuant to sections 144.757 to 144.761. [Municipalities within a county having a charter form of government with a population in excess of nine hundred thousand may, upon voter approval received pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section, impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local municipal sales tax with the revenues from all such municipal use taxes to be distributed pursuant to subsection 4 of section 94.890. The municipality shall within thirty days of the approval of the use tax imposed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of this section select one of the distribution options permitted in subsection 4 of section 94.890 for distribution of all municipal use taxes.

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Shall the _____ (county or municipality's name) impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, [currently _____ (insert percent),] provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action? [A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year] Approval of this question will eliminate the disparity in tax rates collected by local and out-of-state sellers by imposing the same rate on all sellers.

□ YES □ NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

(2) [(a) The ballot of submission in a county having a charter form of government with a population in excess of nine hundred thousand shall contain substantially the following language:

For the purposes of enhancing county and municipal public safety, parks, and job creation and enhancing local government services, shall the county be authorized to collect a local use tax equal to the

total of the existing county sales tax rate of (insert tax rate), provided that if the county sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same voter action? Fifty percent of the revenue shall be used by the county throughout the county for improving and enhancing public safety, park improvements, and job creation, and fifty percent shall be used for enhancing local government services. The county shall be required to make available to the public an audited comprehensive financial report detailing the management and use of the countywide portion of the funds each year.

A use tax is the equivalent of a sales tax on purchases from out-of-state sellers by in-state buyers and on certain taxable business transactions. A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year.

□ YES □ NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

(b) The ballot of submission in a municipality within a county having a charter form of government with a population in excess of nine hundred thousand shall contain substantially the following language:

Shall the municipality be authorized to impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax by a vote of the governing body, provided that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised by voter approval, the respective local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year.

□ YES □ NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

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Shall the _____ (city name) impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax, [currently at a rate of _____ (insert percent)] which includes the capital improvements sales tax and the transportation tax, provided that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised by voter approval, the respective local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action? [A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year] Approval of this question will eliminate the disparity in tax rates

collected by local and out-of-state sellers by imposing

the same rate on all sellers.

□ YES □ NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

- [(4)] 2. If any of such ballots are submitted on August 6, 1996, and if a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect October 1, 1996, provided the director of revenue receives notice of adoption of the local use tax on or before August 16, 1996. If any of such ballots are submitted after December 31, 1996, and if a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal, then the ordinance or order and any amendments thereto shall be in effect on the first day of the calendar quarter which begins at least forty-five days after the director of revenue receives notice of adoption of the local use tax. a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters voting are opposed to the proposal, then the governing body of the county or municipality shall have no power to impose the local use tax as herein authorized unless and until the governing body of the county or municipality shall again have submitted another proposal to authorize the governing body of the county or municipality to impose the local use tax and such proposal is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon.
- 3. The local use tax may be imposed at the same rate as the local sales tax then currently in effect in the county or

municipality upon all transactions which are subject to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 144.600 to 144.745 within the county or municipality adopting such tax; provided, however, that if any local sales tax is repealed or the rate thereof is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be deemed to be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action repealing, reducing or raising the local sales tax.

4. For purposes of sections 144.757 to 144.761, the use tax may be referred to or described as the equivalent of a sales tax on purchases made from out-of-state sellers by in-state buyers and on certain intrabusiness transactions. Such a description shall not change the classification, form or subject of the use tax or the manner in which it is collected.

144.759. 1. All local use taxes collected by the director of revenue pursuant to sections 144.757 to 144.761 on behalf of any county or municipality, less one percent for cost of collection, which shall be deposited in the state's general revenue fund after payment of premiums for surety bonds as provided in section 32.087 shall be deposited with the state treasurer in a local use tax trust fund, which fund shall be separate and apart from the local sales tax trust funds. The moneys in such local use tax trust fund shall not be deemed to be state funds and shall not be commingled with any funds of the state. The director of revenue shall keep accurate records of the amount of money in the trust fund which was collected in each county or municipality imposing a local use tax, and the records shall be open to the inspection of officers of the county or municipality and to the public. No later than the tenth day of

each month, the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys deposited in the trust fund during the preceding month, except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, to the county or municipality treasurer, or such other officer as may be designated by the county or municipality ordinance or order, of each county or municipality imposing the tax authorized by sections 144.757 to 144.761, the sum due the county or municipality as certified by the director of revenue.

Subject to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, the director of revenue shall distribute all moneys which would be due any county having a charter form of government and having a population of nine hundred thousand or more to the county treasurer or such other officer as may be designated by county ordinance, who shall distribute [such moneys as follows: the] that portion of the use [tax] taxes imposed by the county [which equals one-half the rate of sales tax in effect for such county shall be disbursed to the county treasurer for expenditure throughout the county for public safety, parks, and job creation, subject to any qualifications and regulations adopted by ordinance of the county. Such ordinance shall require an audited comprehensive financial report detailing the management and use of such funds each year. Such ordinance shall also require that the county and the municipal league of the county jointly prepare a strategy to guide expenditures of funds and conduct an annual review of the strategy. The treasurer or such other officer as may be designated by county ordinance shall distribute one-third of the balance to the county and to each city, town and village in group B according to section 66.620 as modified by this

section, a portion of the two-thirds remainder of such balance equal to the percentage ratio that the population of each such city, town or village bears to the total population of all such group B cities, towns and villages. For the purposes of this subsection, population shall be determined by the last federal decennial census or the latest census that determines the total population of the county and all political subdivisions therein. For the purposes of this subsection, each city, town or village in group A according to section 66.620 but whose per capita sales tax receipts during the preceding calendar year pursuant to sections 66.600 to 66.630 were less than the per capita countywide average of all sales tax receipts during the preceding calendar year, shall be treated as a group B city, town or village until the per capita amount distributed to such city, town or village equals the difference between the per capita sales tax receipts during the preceding calendar year and the per capita countywide average of all sales tax receipts during the preceding calendar year] that is equal to the rate of sales taxes imposed by the county pursuant to sections 66.600 and 67.547 to the cities, towns, and villages within such county and to the unincorporated area of the county on the ratio of the population that each such city, town, village, and the unincorporated areas of the county bears to the total population of the county.

3. The director of revenue may authorize the state treasurer to make refunds from the amounts in the trust fund and credited to any county or municipality for erroneous payments and overpayments made, and may redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such counties or municipalities. If

any county or municipality abolishes the tax, the county or municipality shall notify the director of revenue of the action at least ninety days prior to the effective date of the repeal, and the director of revenue may order retention in the trust fund, for a period of one year, of two percent of the amount collected after receipt of such notice to cover possible refunds or overpayment of the tax and to redeem dishonored checks and drafts deposited to the credit of such accounts. After one year has elapsed after the effective date of abolition of the tax in such county or municipality, the director of revenue shall authorize the state treasurer to remit the balance in the account to the county or municipality and close the account of that county or municipality. The director of revenue shall notify each county or municipality of each instance of any amount refunded or any check redeemed from receipts due the county or municipality.

4. Except as modified in sections 144.757 to 144.761, all provisions of sections 32.085 and 32.087 applicable to the local sales tax, except for subsection 12 of section 32.087, and all provisions of sections 144.600 to 144.745 shall apply to the tax imposed pursuant to sections 144.757 to 144.761, and the director of revenue shall perform all functions incident to the administration, collection, enforcement, and operation of the tax.

Section B. Because of the importance of ensuring the fiscal health of the state in an emergency, the enactment of section 33.575 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and

is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 33.575 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

Section C. The repeal and reenactment of sections 144.605 and 144.759 and the enactment of section 144.752 of this act shall become effective January 1, 2022.